Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even independent of the survey, is there any objection in the Government's collecting statistics on the subject?

President.—That is not a request for information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the Government intend to collect statistics independent of the survey?

President.—That is not a supplementary question.

Permission to outsider to experiment clay works in Stone ware Factory.

272. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether permission was given to an outsider to experiment clay works in the Government Stoneware Factory at Chalakkudi; if so, on what terms and what has he done hitherto?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Mr. Whatmore, F. R. S. A., late Ceramic expert of Messrs. Parry & Co., constructed an experimental kiln at the Chalakkudi Potteries and is conducting experiments with glazing of jars.

There are no conditions attached to it. If his experiments are successful, the question of retaining him on the staff of the Potteries will be considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—How long is it.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—2½ months.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has he made any experiment?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The experiments have not been quite satisfactory. He is trying for a third time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does the Government give him any monetary help?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, we pay for the labour.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What more do you propose to do?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Continue our own work.

Tramway—transport charges for timber.

273. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the rate of transport charges of logs in pair of trucks Teak, Rosewood, Junglewood, etc.;

(b) the rate per candy for transport of scantlings of the above species?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) Teak and Rosewood—Re. 0—3—6 per candy per mile. Junglewood—Re. 0—2—6 per candy per mile.

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